

**REMARKS**

The applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate receiving an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 that was filed on March 17, 2004.

Claims 1 – 9 are pending. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 – 9 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicants have amended the claims in the interest of clarity, since the office action indicated that claims 1 – 9 would be allowable if so amended. However, the applicants do not concede that the rejection is proper.

The applicants submit that, to establish a *prima facie* case of indefiniteness, evidence must be presented to show that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have understood the scope and meaning of the claims when read in light of the specification. Because the rejection appears to address matters of clarity or form, an objection would have been proper, rather than the rejection.

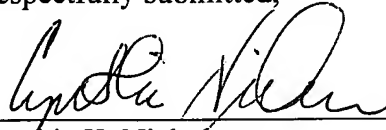
The applicants wish to clarify for the record, if necessary, that the claims have been amended to expedite prosecution.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,

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